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Appl No. : 09/669,042  
Applicant : Christoph Widmer et al.  
Filed : September 25, 2000  
Title : "CUSTOM-MOLDED EAR PLUG DEVICE"  
  
TC/AU : 2644  
Examiner : Justin I. Michalski  
Conf. No. : 2828  
  
Customer No. : 000,116  
Docket No. : 32992

**REFUND REQUEST LETTER**

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

On January 26, 2006 we submitted a letter requesting a refund of \$400 for an erroneous charge applied to our Deposit Account (160820). Our submission does not appear in PAIR. Enclosed is a copy of our return postcard (28588) showing receipt of our letter by the PTO on January 30, 2006. Also enclosed is a copy of our January 26, 2006 letter and all the enclosures that were sent with the letter.

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For the above stated reasons, it is requested that a refund be issued in the amount of \$400.00, if appropriate. The refund may be applied to our Deposit Account 16-0820 Order No. 32992.

Respectfully submitted,  
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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir/Madam:

There appears to be an erroneous charge applied to our Deposit Account 16-0820 on December 22, 2005, in the amount of \$400 (Posting Ref. Txt 09669042). The charge is for independent claims in excess of 3.

After a review of the file, it is believed that this charge is in error. On December 15, 2005 we submitted a Supplemental Amendment "E", which added 2 additional independent claims (fee of \$400) and five additional dependent claims (fee of \$250), which resulted in a total fee due of \$650.00. A check in the amount of \$650.00 was enclosed with our amendment for payment of the claim fees. Enclosed is a copy of our Deposit Account Statement, dated January 26, 2006, showing the erroneous charge. A copy of the cover page of our December 15, 2005 submitted amendment and the return postcard (showing inclusion of a check for \$650.00) showing receipt by the PTO of the submission on December 19, 2005 is also enclosed. A fourth enclosure is a copy of our check (#67709) in the amount of \$650.00, dated December 15, 2005, for the payment of the above mentioned fees, which the PTO endorsed on December 20, 2005.

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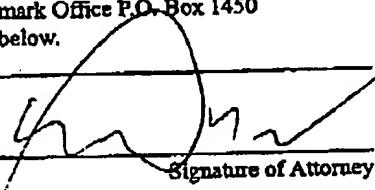
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January 26, 2006

## Deposit Account Statement

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT "E"

Sir:

This amendment is filed to add additional claims to this application, and is cumulative with the claim amendments filed on March 7, 2005. This amendment adds 2 additional independent claims and five additional dependent claims, resulting in a fee of \$650.00  
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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Title: Steering Wheel w/ Embedded Channel

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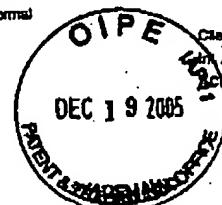
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